

February 15, 2013

Appropriations Committee Testimony
Legislative Office Building, Room 2702
Hartford, CT 06106-1591

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in support of keeping the STRIVE-New Haven program in the Department of Labor Budget. The STRIVE program has been an important staple in my life. As a STRIVE graduate, I have learned the correct way to present myself when applying for employment.

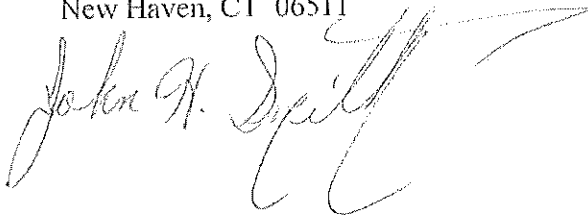
I sincerely hope the committee changes its mind and decide to keep such a valuable asset to the community as the STRIVE program.

In conclusion, I am asking that you reconsider pulling out and not funding the STRIVE program for the sake of all who need a program such as this.

Sincerely,

John H. Smith
STRIVE Graduate – Cycle 116

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John H. Smith", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.